

INCREASE IN STRENGTH

Extensive Covering by Shorts Was
Great Help in Stocks.

SOME WEAKENING AT THE CLOSING

Reading Scored a Five Point Rise on
Assumption That the Supreme
Court Would Decide in Favor of
Coal Roads.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 1.—Extensive covering of short contracts was the accepted cause for much of the strength in the stock market today. This was notably the case in the Reading's, in which there has come to be a continuing speculation based on assumptions of the forthcoming decision of the supreme court in the coal roads case. As Monday is a decision day with that court, the bears bought heavily of Reading before the court convened to reduce their very heavy short lines in the stock. The result was a five point rise in Reading, bringing it to within two points of the level from which last Tuesday's 10 1/2 point downward plunge was made. The buying of this stock was not accompanied by alleged information that the supreme court would decide in favor of the railroads. The speculative covering shorts in Reading ceased when the court had convened and it became known that no decision in the case would be handed down today. An effective factor in sustaining the market was the strength of the copper group. This was due to the persistent reports in circulation of some large sales confined to copper for export, which had been effected and assertions that specifications now in hand promised early sales of yet larger amounts for forward delivery.

The effect was beneficial on all the metal stocks, United States Steel included. Nothing was learned of any definite developments in the steel trade to change the conditions of price cutting and still lagged demand from consumers in that trade. The rise in United States Steel was encouraged by the news from Washington that the senate would take no action on the committee investigation of the circumstances connected with the merger of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company with the United States Steel Corporation. The announcement that the advances in transportation freight rates which went into effect on January 1 were to be rescinded in part seemed to be viewed with contentment, although the prospect of these advances was a long effective factor in lifting prices of stocks. The strong tone of the market was inspired before the end of the day by realizing values and by subsidence of demand.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, \$3,314,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call. Sales today were \$39,800 shares, including Copper, 71,800; Sugar, 300; Tobacco, 1,800; Atlantic Coast Line, 300; Chesapeake & Ohio, 13,300; Louisville & Nashville, 1,200; Norfolk & Western, 1,400; Reading, 211,400; Union Pacific, 72,700; St. Louis & Western, 200; Southern Railway, 4,600; preferred, 700; United States Steel, 153,700; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, 200.

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	70 3/4
American Car & Foundry	48 1/2
American Car & Foundry, pfd	110
American Cotton Oil	52 3/4
American Hide & Leather, pfd	37
American Ice Securities	25
American Lined	51
American Locomotive	114
American Locomotive, pfd	110
American Smelting & Refg	83 1/2
Amer. Smelting & Refg, pfd	103
American Sugar Refining	128 1/2
American Tobacco, pfd	91
American Woolen	27
Anaconda Mining Co.	41 1/2
Atchafalaya	102 1/2
Atchafalaya, pfd	102
Atlantic Coast Line	118 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	107 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio, pfd	92 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	71 1/2
Canadian Pacific	168
Central Leather	28
Central Leather, pfd	101
Central of New Jersey	205
Chesapeake & Ohio	65 1/2
Chicago Great Western	63 1/2
Chicago & North Western	177 1/2
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	143 1/2
C. C. & St. Louis	76
Colorado Fuel & Iron	33 1/2
Colorado & Southern	63
Colorado & Southern, 1st pfd	81 1/2
Consolidated Gas	126 1/2
Coca Products	17 1/2
Drumwright & Hudson	173 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande	43 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande, pfd	85 1/2
Dillon Securities	35 1/2
Erie	27 1/2
Erie, 1st pfd	42 1/2
Erie, 2nd pfd	23
General Electric	154 1/2
Great Northern, pfd	141 1/2
Great Northern Ore Cts	69
Hill Central	141
Interborough-Met	14 1/2
Interborough-Met, pfd	41 1/2
International Paper	10
International Paper, pfd	51
International Pump	36 1/2
Iowa Central	29
Kansas City Southern	41
Kansas City Southern, pfd	70 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	129 1/2
Louisville & Nashville, pfd	54
Met. St. P. & North St. M.	140 1/2
National Pacific	65 1/2

Missouri, Kansas & Texas	40
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd	73 1/2
National Lead	76 1/2
New York Central	124
New York, Ontario & Western	45
Norfolk & Western	87 1/2
North American	80
Northern Pacific	138
Pacific Mail	32 1/2
Pennsylvania	129 1/2
People's Gas	110 1/2
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	89 1/2
Pressed Steel Car	34 1/2
Pullman Palace Car	170
Railway Steel Spring	41 1/2
Reading	124 1/2
Republic Steel	20 1/2
Republic Steel, pfd	74
Rock Island Co.	23 1/2
Rock Island Co, pfd	62
St. Louis & San Fran, 2nd pfd	37 1/2
St. Louis Southwestern	22
St. Louis Southwestern, pfd	51 1/2
Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron	72
Southern Pacific	117 1/2
Southern Pacific, pfd	121
Southern Railway	24 1/2
Southern Railway, pfd	62 1/2
Tennessee Copper	37 1/2
Texas & Pacific	32
Tolado, St. Louis & West	44 1/2
Tolado, St. Louis & West, pfd	67 1/2
Union Pacific	175 1/2
Union Pacific, pfd	93
United States Rubber	29
United States Rubber, 1st pfd	102
United States Steel	45 1/2
United States Steel, pfd	110 1/2
Utah Copper	41 1/2
Virginia Carolina Chemical	44
Virginia Carolina Chemical, pfd	112 1/2
Wabash	17 1/2
Wabash, pfd	45 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	77 1/2
Western Union	66
Wheeling & Lake Erie	9 1/2
Wisconsin Central	48 1/2
A. T. & T. Co.	128 1/2
Standard Oil	64 1/2

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 1.—Wheat prices broke half to 2 cents higher today on general liquidation based on weak cables and increased receipts in the northwest. Part of the loss was regained but at the close prices were still 1/2 to 3/4 cents below Saturday's final quotations. Corn and oats closed weak and provisions steady.
Articles Open High Low Close
Wheat—
May ... 116 117 115 117 1/2
July ... 103 104 103 104 1/2
Sept ... 97 98 97 98 1/2
Corn—
May ... 66 66 65 65 1/2
July ... 65 65 64 64 1/2
Sept ... 65 65 64 64 1/2
Oats—
May ... 54 54 53 53 1/2
July ... 49 49 48 48 1/2
Sept ... 40 40 39 39 1/2
Mess Pork, per bbl.—
May 17.07 17.07 17.02 17.05
July 17.10 17.12 17.07 17.12 1/2
Lard, per 100 lbs.—
May 9.70 9.75 9.67 9.75
July 9.82 9.85 9.80 9.85
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—
May 8.92 8.95 8.90 8.95
July 9.10 9.10 9.05 9.10

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Money on call easy, 2 1/4; ruling rate 2; closing bid 2 1/4; offered at 2 1/4. Time loans easier, 60 days 2 1/4 to 2 3/4 per cent; 90 days 2 1/4 to 3 per cent and 6 months 3 per cent. Close: Prime mercantile paper 3 1/4 to 4 per cent; sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers' bills at 48.50 a 50 for 60 day bills and at 48.75 for demand. Commercial bills 48 1/4 a 49; bar silver 50 1/2; Mexican dollars 44.

Baltimore Produce Markets.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 1.—WHEAT—Unsettled; spot contract 127 1/2 a 1%; Southern on grade 124 a 127 1/2.

CORN—Easier; spot contract 71 1/2 a 71 3/4; Southern yellow corn 69 a 71.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed 55 1/2 a 56; receipts 6,575 bushels.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 Western domestic 87 a 88.

Killed in Cold Blood.

(By Associated Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., March 1.—The Chesapeake & Ohio detective force is now scouring the country in the neighborhood of White House to locate and capture the murders of Conductor F. W. Blewens, of Ashland, Ky., who was killed Wednesday night. The conductor was shot in the back. According to the meager information received here, the trouble started when Blewens, aided by his brakeman, quelled a disturbance on the train, caused by a man whose name is given as Pruitt and some of his companions. Pruitt pulled a gun on the conductor and threatened to shoot him. The gun was taken from the man and quiet restored.

It was not until the train reached White House that Pruitt or some one with him took his revenge. It is understood that Pruitt was not a passenger on the train but had come to the station and boarded the train to see who was aboard. The popular opinion is that it was a preconcerted plan to not only murder Blewens, but shoot up the train as well.

No Membership at Sight.

(By Associated Press.)

FORT WORTH, TEX., March 1.—Following the announcement that President-elect Taft would be elected a member "at sight" of the Farmers' Union, Secretary Smith here today denounced the plan and stated that President Barlett is forbidden by the law of the association to permit such a procedure.

JUDGE MANN MAY TALK

Statement May be Given Out Today
by Nottoway Candidate.

LOCAL OPTIONIST, SAYS HIS FRIEND

Just What Stand Candidate Will Take
on State-wide Prohibition Not
Definitely Known—Neither of—
Aspirants at Capital Yesterday.

RICHMOND, VA., March 1.—Judge Mann is expected to make a statement for publication on the liquor question within a few days—possibly tomorrow.

The judge is not in the city today, having gone to Petersburg Saturday to spend the day with his family. Today he is in one of the counties close to Petersburg, it is said, looking after his interests.

Just what stand he will take on the matter of State-wide prohibition is known only to him, but some of his close personal and political supporters are calling attention to the fact that he is now and has been for years an advocate of local option, leaving the counties and cities to decide the matter for themselves. What would be his position in case of a clearly-defined prohibition fight, with the issues drawn on that one line and fought out, before the people, with a general assembly in favor of shutting off the traffic entirely, after it had been submitted to the people, is one of the things for him to decide.

"It would seem to me that if Judge Mann were to say that if the people of the State elected a general assembly who favored the enforcement of prohibition laws, and such an act were submitted to him coming from that body, he would sign the measure without hesitation and he would do the right and proper thing," said a gentleman today who is known to be one of the most active supporters of Judge Mann.

"That, however, should be predicated on the ground that if the Democrats had a good majority in favor of the scheme he should approve. It would be wrong in my opinion, for him to commit himself to making the matter a political issue. He has never done that. Were he to say that he would sign such a bill if it came to him from the general assembly it might be that the Republicans would come here and throw its influence for such a thing in order to split the party.

Should Yield to People.

"It would be a pretty high thing for a man elected governor to say that he is stronger than the will of the people—I mean that in case the Democrats are largely in control—and to say that he would veto a State-wide measure. The general assembly comes here fresh from the people and they are supposed to represent the sentiment, but I am satisfied that Judge Mann will make it plain that he does not want to make the matter one of politics, and desires to keep it out of the campaign as a political issue.

"Now, do not understand me as speaking for Judge Mann in any way. He has not discussed that phase of the campaign with me, nor I with him. I do not care to attempt to speak for him in any way."

Mr. Tucker is not here today, having taken a trip to Staunton to see his wife Saturday. He will come here tomorrow, unless his plans are changed. Captain Kerr, his campaign manager, will return to the city this afternoon and will be on deck at headquarters.

Judge Williams is here today and is talking about the city and getting in touch with the situation. He is flooding the mails with literature and perfecting an organization.

Colonel Catlett, of Rockbridge, who is also very much in the race for attorney general, is attending to his campaign like a veteran. He is at work and in close touch with people in all parts of the State, and says he is pleased with the outlook.

Site For Fredericksburg School.

PREFERRING BURGLAR, VA. March 1.

—The State board of visitors appointed by the last legislature, with Hon. J. D. Eggleston, superintendent of public instruction met here and selected the site for the Female Normal School, which will be built by the State.

The site selected lies just west of the town on a beautiful range of hills, known as Rowe's Heights. This tract adjoins Snowden, the handsome estate of Mr. F. B. Guest, and commands an extended view of the town and county. It is regarded as the most desirable location adjacent to the city, and the choice of this site by the committee gives general satisfaction to the citizens of the town.

The property is owned by Capt. M. B. Howe, and contains about 40 acres. The price paid was \$6,200.

It Saved His Leg.

"All though I'd lost my leg," writes J. A. Swenson, Watertown, Wis., "I was cured of eczema, that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me out. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well." Infallible for Skin Eruptions, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Boils, Fever Sores, Burns, Scalds, Cuts and Piles. 25c at all druggists.

The Want Ads Are Business Peacemakers!

In the store, the office, the factory, the work-places, the home—wherever human interests clash, wherever workers and employers come to be discordant, wherever new workers or new work are the urgent need—the road to peace lies through the want ad. columns.

In almost every case, a peace-wrecking incident of daily life needs but the simple remedy of a little want advertising—whether it is the sudden exit of the servant, stenographer, clerk, cook, roomer, tenant; or the unexpected need to quickly "raise some money."

More and more, every day, in the lives and affairs of the people of this city, the want ads. are coming to play the parts of adjusters, of vexation-preventers, of BUSINESS PEACEMAKERS!

Advertisements under classified heads will be inserted at the uniform rate of one cent a word for each insertion. No advertisement, however small, less than 25c for the first insertion. Special rates made on long time contracts.

WANTED.

WANTED—TO BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE, furniture and stoves. C. W. LEWIS, 2502 Huntington Avenue.

WANTED—TO SELL SEED POTATOES, Irish Cobblers at lowest prices; flour, meal, hay and grain. Full line of fruits. COUNCIL PRODUCE CO., Twenty-eighth Street and Huntington Avenue. 3-16

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—ONE LOT OF FIXTURES: 7 tables, 3 show cases; 1 stove; 36 coat stands, 48 hat and pants stands, 1 paper cutter, 1 triple-beveled plate mirror, 12 oak pedestals, 4 bust forms, 1 collar case, 1 lot of window furnishing fixtures. THE FAMOUS, Washington Ave. and Thirtieth St. 4

FOR SALE—GROCERY BUSINESS, good location and small stock. Address "Business," care Daily Press. 3-2

FOR SALE—SEVERAL GOOD horses; will sell cheap for cash or part cash. Call see them. Council Produce Co. 3-2

LOTS FOR SALE OR LEASE IN ALL parts of the city. Call and get prices. OLD DOMINION LAND CO., Hotel Warwick Building.

FOR SALE—MARCH ISSUE EDISON records just received. Also the Columbia Double Disc records that play two selections for the price of one. Geo. D. Hampton Piano Co., 210 28th Street. 11

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—316 and 318 FORTY-fourth Street, two (ten-room) houses; modern conveniences; apply 2102 Washington Avenue. 3-24

FOR RENT—BRIGHT, DESIRABLE front room for a couple; apply 122 34th St. 3-4

FOR RENT—TWO FURNISHED rooms, one front. 117 Thirty-first Street. 3-5

FOR RENT—NICELY FURNISHED and comfortable room; all conveniences; best location. References exchanged. CENTRAL, care Daily Press. 3-4

FOR RENT—2 BRIGHT, AIRY rooms, with board; mod. conven. 130 31st St., Bell phone 365. 3-16-11

FOR RENT—LARGE, WELL LOCATED store room, formerly occupied by T. W. JUDKINS. Terms very reasonable. For information apply Daily Press office.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—A WHITE bulldog, answers to name of Jim. Inform Police Department or W. F. Penn, 2511 Wickham Ave., City. 11

SEALED PROPOSALS.

OFFICE PURCHASING COMMISSARY, United States Army, Newport News, Virginia, March 2nd, 1909. Sealed proposals in duplicate for furnishing and delivering Subsistence Stores in this city during the month of April, 1909, in accordance with specifications of the Commissary General, Washington, March 27th, 1908 will be received at this office until eleven o'clock A. M., Friday, March 12th, 1909, and then opened. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing bids should be marked "Proposals of subsistence stores opened March 12th, 1909," and addressed to Captain J. N. KILIAN, Commissary United States Army, 61

SPECIAL NOTICE.

T. S. BOONE, EXPERT HAIRCUTTER; first-class barbers employed; best attention paid to all. 3112 Washington Ave. 5-27

DR. R. LEE ROBINSON, DENTIST, will move March 19 to opposite corner Washington Ave. and 28th St., over "The Mirror." 5-19

NELMS & COMPANY, INC., 2517 Washington Avenue. Insurance of all kinds, loans, rents, real estate, notaries public. The oldest agency in this city. See them first. Office hours from 8 to 6:15, Saturdays 8 to 9:30. 3-18

ATTENTION, FARMERS & TRUCKERS—For sale: Canada field peas, seed oats and full line garden seed and fertilizers. S. A. RUDD, phones. 12-31-3m.

NORFOLK TALLOW CO.—DEAD animals removed free of charge by C. H. Schofield, Phone 84-L, Hampton. 12-31-3m.

A BUSINESS OBLIGATION—HAVE your clothes made by KEATING, the Tailor, 221 Twenty-fifth street, 11-26-11.

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OLD DOMINION BAGGAGE TRANSFER; offices C & O Station, "Rooftops," Bell, Nos. 401 and 135; Citizens No. 12. 11

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Under decree of the Corporation Court of Newport News, in the case of Old Point Comfort Improvement Co. vs. Crowell's Ex. et al. I shall offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the courthouse door in Hampton at 1:30 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, March 6th, 1909, all that certain piece of land containing 5.3 acres, in Elizabeth City County, Virginia, bounded on the East by the lands of Adam Perkins, on the west by the lands of S. E. Bickford, and on the north by the lands of Shields and Bickford, being commonly known as Mock Swamp.

C. AYLETT ASHBY,
Special Commissioner.
I hereby certify that the bond required of the foregoing special commissioner has been duly given.
D. G. SMITH,
Clerk.
By R. E. MARABLE,
Deputy Clerk.

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CONSULT POWELL TRUST COMPANY, INC., ABOUT THESE TRUSTEES' SALES OF VALUABLE PIECES OF REAL ESTATE To be held on

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1909.

For default thereunder, respectively, at the request of the parties severally secured in the hereinafter mentioned Deeds of Trust, the undersigned will offer for sale under the terms of the same, at public auction, in front of the several respective premises on

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1909, AT 10:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

That property on Maple Avenue, between Fourth Street and Salter's Creek, Elizabeth City County, Virginia, known as Lots Numbers Thirty-four (34) and Thirty-five (35) in Block Number Forty-five (45) on Map of property of "Newport News, Hampton and Old Point Development Company," as described in Deed of Trust, dated February 12, 1903, executed by Erasmus T. Wimbley (unmarried), to the undersigned Trustees, recorded in Clerk's Office, Elizabeth City County, Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book No. 25, at page 1.

AND ON THE SAME DAY AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

That property on the East Side of Oak Avenue, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Streets, known as Lot Number Thirty-four (34) in Block Number Forty-five (45-C) on Braxton's "Map showing the location of 100 lots, etc.," as described in Deed of Trust dated March 20, 1908, executed by George Haycox and wife to the undersigned Trustees, recorded in Clerk's Office of Newport News Corporation Court in Deed Book No. 34, at page 21.

AND ON THE SAME DAY AT 11:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

That property on the East side of Chestnut Avenue, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Streets, known as Lot Number Thirty-five (35) in Block Number Ten (10-C) on Braxton's "Map of part of the City of Newport News," as described in Deed of Trust dated May 14, 1904, executed by John R. Rayfield, (unmarried), to the undersigned Trustees, recorded in Clerk's Office of Newport News Corporation Court in Deed Book No. 26, at page 342.

AND ON THE SAME DAY AT 11:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

That property on the South Side of Twenty-first Street, between Roanoke and Chestnut Avenues, known as Lot Number Forty-nine (49) in Block Number Thirty-two (32-C) on Braxton's "Map of part of the City of Newport News," as described in Deed of Trust dated August 20, 1906, executed by Florence J. Dickens and husband to the undersigned Trustees, recorded in Clerk's Office Newport News Corporation Court in Deed Book No. 31, at page 67.

AND ON THE SAME DAY AT 11:45 O'CLOCK A. M.